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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC LIBERATION PARTY

1. IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY FEB 27, SHAIKH AL-AZHAR DENOUNCED PRINCIPLES OF THE BANNED ISLAMIC LIBERATION PARTY WHICH, HE SAID, IS FINANCED FROM ABROAD,

2. THIS IS THIRD TIME ILP HAS MADE NEWS IN EGYPT SINCE LAST APRIL, WHEN ILP GROUP MOUNTED ATTACK ON TECHNICAL MILITARY COLLEGE. PUBLIC TRIAL OF 92 DEFENDANTS IN THAT CASE IS STILL UNDER WAY.

3. SECOND OCCASION WAS AHARAM REPORT FEB 15 OF ARREST OF SECRET NETWORK "AFFILIATED" WITH ILP. ACCORDING TO AHARAM, ILP IS DIRECTED BY ARAB PERSONALITY LIVING IN ONE OF THE ARAB STATES(READ QADHAAFI) AND IS "FINANCED AND PLANNED BY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF A MAJOR COUNTRY." IN AHARAM'S COMMENT,
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POINT IS MADE THAT SABOTEURS SOMETIMES TAKE COVER OF RELIGION

AND CITIZENS MAY BE DECEIVED BY A COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT IN FACT WORKING FOR ISLAM BUT SEEKS DOMINATION THROUGH TRADITIONAL IMPERIALISM OR A NEW KIND OF COLONIALISM. (COMMENT: IMPLICATION THOUGH VAGUE, SEEMS TO BE THAT USSR IS "MAJOR COUNTRY" ENGAGED IN UNHOLY ALLIANCE WITH ILP.)

4. COMMENT: ILP, AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, SEEKS RENAISSANCE OF ISLAM THROUGH FOUNDATION OF NEW CALIPHATE AND OVERTHROW OF ARAB REGIMES WHICH RESIST THIS NOTION. CONSTANT FEAR OF EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN CONJUNCTION OF INTERESTS OF FAR LEFT LEADERSHIP WITH RELIGIOUS ZEAL OF FAR RIGHT. JUDGING FROM WHAT WE KNOW OF BACKGROUND OF LEADER OF ATTACK ON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, HE IS A MARXIST WHO SUCCESSFULLY RECRUITED RELIGIOUSLY-ORIENTED YOUTH. RECENT DISCOVERY OF SECOND ILP NETWORK REPORTEDLY ALSO INVOLVED MARXISTS. THUS, IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF GOE SUGGESTED TO SHAIKH AL-AZHAR, MOST PRESTIGIOUS RELIGIOUS FIGURE IN EGYPT, THAT DENUNCIATION OF ILP WOULD BE IN ORDER. SHAIKH, ORTHODOX SUNNI OF SUFI ORIENTATION, WOULD, OF COURSE, CONSIDER TENETS OF ILP TO BE GROSS HERESY. EILTS

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